



## Resources for Directors



### Professional Development KITS In-House Trainer Guides (In Development)

#### *In-House Trainer Guides for Focus Areas*

- Professionalism
- Families
- Learning Environment/Program for Children
- A Supportive and Caring Community of Learners
- Outdoor Environment
- Transitions
- Curriculum Planning for Infants, Toddlers and Preschool Children



Resources available on the Better Beginnings website

**[arbetterbeginnings.com](http://arbetterbeginnings.com)**

*Check the website frequently for addition of resources that are currently in development*

Resources developed through contracts with the  
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# SPOTLIGHT on **Resources** for CURRICULUM and PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



- ★ Curriculum Resources for Infants, Toddlers and Preschool Children
- ★ Professional Development Resources for Directors
- ★ Resources available at no cost from the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education
- ★ Resources that support
  - Arkansas Minimum Licensing Requirements
  - Better Beginnings Requirements
  - Arkansas Child Development and Early Learning Standards
- ★ Resources available on the Better Beginnings website: [arbetterbeginnings.com](http://arbetterbeginnings.com)



## Curriculum Resources



### Adventures in Learning

- Is an Arkansas Approved Comprehensive Curriculum for children from 3 to 5 years of age
- Includes 40 topics of study in nine focus areas
- Introduces each topic of study with familiar children's books
- Has a strong language and literacy focus



### Adventures for Toddlers

- Is a curriculum for children from 18 months to 36 months of age
- Includes 30 toddler topics in eight focus areas
- Features books for each toddler topic - books that can either be purchased or made



### Connecting with Infants (In Development)

*Will include*

- Tips and techniques for implementing a curriculum for children from birth to 18 months
- Curriculum experiences in appropriate developmental areas
- Instructions on how to develop a weekly plan sheet for infants, plus a blank weekly plan sheet



## Curriculum Supplements



### Story-A-Month

- A collection of storytelling patterns and learning activities for thirty-seven favorite children's books, plus patterns for twelve Mother Goose rhymes
- Appropriate for use with mobile infants, toddlers and preschool children



### B.A.M.M.M.! - Books and Movement: A Magical Mix

- A series of twelve activity guides that connect literature and movement
- Guides begin with a children's book, extend to movement activities that are suggested in the book, and to related curriculum activities



### Creative Adventures with Literature (CAL)

- Appropriate for use with preschool children
- A collection of curriculum guides that integrate literature and the creative arts



### Connecting Literature and Math (CLAM)

- A collection of twelve curriculum guides that include hands-on and teacher-guided math experiences for preschool children
- Guides feature books that focus on one or more of the mathematical standards



### Informational Books in the Preschool Classroom (In development)

- A collection of curriculum guides that pair an informational book with one or more story books that have a related focus
- Guides begin with featured books, then extend to related classroom experiences that encourage children to think and express curiosity